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Re: Scoping

Gentlepersons:

In response to the Notice of Intent and Notice of Preparation, we wish to suggest addressing the objectives of Bay-Delta system management by reducing the human population within the geographic scope of solution.

Water is a limited resource. Its quantity is finite, population growth seeming to force consideration of expensive and unproven schemes to store water underground in wet winters, and further dams and reservoirs. Water quality, too, is increasingly threatened by growing population. Increased development makes permitting nature to take its course impractical, although we need much more of just that on a long term basis; building higher levees only gets so far.

Reducing human population is therefore an alternative to be considered. It cannot simply be presumed that growth is inevitable any more than that water pollution is inevitable. It might be cost-effective. In any event it should be looked at in the programmatic EIS/EIR.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



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